

ance of conservative drainage without immediate removal of the offending appendix if difficult to remove, and the idea of rectal drainage in cases presenting pus near the rectum were points emphasized. Finally the doctor demonstrated a specimen of an unusually large ovarian cyst for our modern surgical day, the most striking clinical feature of which had been its very rapid growth.

In the discussion that followed each member had an opportunity to narrate the interesting features of his unusual appendix cases—after which the meeting adjourned.

W. E. BIXLEY, Secretary.

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

M. A. ROBISON, SECRETARY-TREASURER, RENO.

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Necrology—H. Ostroff, F. M. Wast, E. T. Krebs.

Entertainment—W. L. Samuels, J. A. Asher, R. K. Hartzell.

Delegate to A. M. A.—M. R. Walker; Alternate, A. P. Lewis.

Public Health—M. R. Walker, F. F. Owens, J. L. Robinson.

State Organizer—H. A. Brown.

Council—A. C. Olmstead, J. A. Russell, D. A. Turner, C. E. Bulette, G. M. Gardner, F. C. Pache, A. McIntyre, G. L. Belanger, C. E. Swezey.

WASHOE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Reno, Nevada.

Minutes of the Washoe County Medical Society. Meeting of February 2, 1915.

Dr. M. F. Boyd made application for membership and was accepted. Nine members were reported dropped for non-payment of dues. C. Shee Way, one of the three Chinese recently arrested for practicing without complying with the medical law, was reported to have agreed to leave the State in consideration of his bail bond of \$500 being remitted. The charge against him was not dismissed. The prosecution of the remaining two Chinese will proceed in due time.

T. H. Brown, an advertising "Specialist" of the "blood disease and 606" type, was reported to have left town, and action in his case was ordered dropped.

General discussion of several proposed acts introduced in the Assembly followed. Mr. W. B. Alexander, secretary of the Mine Owners' Association, was present by invitation, and discussed the Industrial Act from the mine owners' standpoint.

It was decided to insist upon the proper authorities making full and careful investigation of all suspicious deaths.

W. L. SAMUELS, Sec'y.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

To the State Journal of Medicine:

See in the December issue of the State Journal an article by Dr. John C. Spencer, entitled "Nothing New Under the Sun," in which he claims I have discovered something so old that he has forgotten the name of the technologist who originated it, I would like to justify myself before him and the readers of the Journal.

The following was printed in the Journal A. M. A. some months ago as paragraph No. 167, in the section of reviews of the current medical literature as published every month therein:

167. IMPROVED STAIN for TUBERCLE BACILLI—Mori regards the technic he describes as the best yet proposed, not only for its rapid action and reliability, but for the beauty of the results.

It is a modification of Ziehl's first method, differing by the formula of the fuchsin stain, and by the fact that all can be used cold, and that no sediment develops on standing. The carbol-fuchsin solution is made with 0.5 gm. fuchsin, 10 c.c. absolute alcohol, 2.5 gm. phenol and 100 c.c. distilled water.

The fuchsin is dissolved in the alcohol, the phenol is then added, and then the water is stirred in a little at a time, and the mixture is then set aside for twenty-four hours and then filtered. Differentiation is done with a 1% solution of sulphuric acid, and the contrast staining with a 1 to 4000 solution of methylene blue. Each fluid is applied in turn for ten or fifteen minutes, washing in water between.

In my article published in the California State Journal in November, 1914, under the head of "Staining Tubercle Bacillus," I made no claims to having discovered a new technic of staining the tubercle bacillus, but I simply claimed the modification of using a saturate solution of methylene blue for one minute for counter-staining instead of the 1 to 4000 solution of same as in Mori's method, the above modification being, of course, in connection with the Mori method.

L. M. RYAN, M. D.

NEW MEMBERS.

Woodard, D. S., Watsonville.
Piersol, F. C., Mendocino.
Wolfe, Homer, Albion.
Horne, F. L., Newcastle, Cal.
Craig, John B., San Bernardino.
Osher, J. C., Anaheim.
Lewis, Elizabeth G., San Jose.
Freeman, Wm., Fullerton.
Bolinger, Hugh J., Stockton.
Desrosier, George, Maxwell.
Kucich, O. S., San Francisco.
Compton, C. S., Tulare.
Anderson, B. C., Barstow.
George, Wm. A., Loma Linda.
Whitmer, C. F., Colton.

RESIGNED.

Carolan, Herbert, San Francisco.

DEATHS.

Boggs, Walter De Witt, Pasadena.
Hill, Walter B., San Jose.
Lawton, Chas. W., Taft (died in Bakersfield).
Weir, Francis A., Pasadena.
Satterlee, F. P. (died in San Francisco).
Casselman, Delmar L., Los Angeles.
Russell, J. I. (died in Lakeview, Oregon).
Glass, J. H., Paso Robles.
Burleigh, G. W., Los Angeles.
Cavano, Wm. M., San Francisco.